



By the King.

A PROCLAMATION,

For the Publishing of an Act of Parliament late made for the better Ordering
and Selling of *Wines* by Retail, &c.

CHARLES R.



Whereas by a late Act made in the Parliament begun and held at Westminster the 25th day of April, in the Twelfth year of Our Reign, Entituled, An Act for the better ordering the Selling of Wines by Retail, and for preventing abuses in the Mingling, Corrupting and Vitiating of *Wines*, and for setting and limiting the Prices of the same; It was Enacted, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, from and after the Five and Twentieth day of March One thousand six hundred sixty one, unless he or they were authorized and enabled in manner and form as in the said Act is prescribed and appointed, should sell or utter by Retail, that is, by the Pint, Quart, Pottle or Gallon, or by any other great or lesser Retail-measure, any kind of Wine or Wines to be drunk or spent within his or their Mansion house or houses, or other place in his or their Tenure or occupation, or without such Mansion house or houses, or such other place within his or their Tenure or occupation, by any colour, craft or mean whatsoever, upon pain to forfeit for every such offence the sum of five pounds, The one Moiety of every such penalty to be to Us, the other Moiety to him or them that would sue for the same, to be recovered as in and by the said Act is appointed.

And whereas it is further Enacted by the said Act, That it should be lawful for Us, Our Heirs and Suc-

cessors from time to time to issue out under the Great Seal of England, one or more Commission or Commissions to two or more Persons, thereby authorizing them to Licence and give Authority to such Person and Persons as they shall think fit to sell and utter by Retail, all and every or any kind of Wine or Wines whatsoever, to be drunk and spent as well within the house or houses or other place, in the Tenure or occupation of the Party so Licensed, as without, in any City, Town or other place within the Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Port and Town of Berwick upon Tweed. And that such persons as from time to time, or at any time, should be by such Commission or Commissions as aforesaid in that behalf appointed, should have power and authority to treat and contract for Licence, Authority and Dispensations to be given and granted to any person or persons for the selling and uttering of Wines by Retail, in any City, Town or other place as aforesaid, according to the rules and directions of the said Act, and the true intent and meaning thereof, and not otherwise. And that such persons as should be Commissioned and appointed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors as aforesaid, should be, and be called Our Agents for granting Licences for the selling and uttering of Wine by Retail: And that Our said Agents should be authorized and enabled under their Seal of Office to be appointed by Us, to grant Licence for the selling and uttering of Wines by Retail to any person or persons, or for any time or term not exceeding One and twenty years, if such person and persons should so long live, and for such yearly Rent as they can or shall agree and think fit, so as no Fine be taken for the same, But that the Rent and sums of money agreed upon and reserved, be paid and answered half yearly by equal portions during the whole terme. And that such Licence should not be given or granted, but to such who should personally use the Trade of Selling and uttering of Wines by Retail, or to the Landlord and Owner of the house, where the Person using such Trade should sell or utter Wine by Retail: Nor that the same should be assignable, nor in any wise beneficial or extensive to indemnify any person against the penalties of the said Act, except the first taker: And that it should also be lawful to and for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to constitute and appoint such and so many other Officers and Ministers, as a Receiver, Register, Clerk, Comptroller, Messenger or the like, for the better carrying on of that service, as We and they shall think fit, so as the salaries and wages of all such Officers to be appointed, together with the salary or wages of the said Agents do not exceed Six pence in the pound of the Revenue that should thence arise; And that the Rents, Revenues and Sums of money arising thence, except what should be allowed for the Wages and Salaries of such Officers and Ministers which are not to exceed six pence out of every pound as aforesaid, should be duly and constantly paid and answered into Our Exchequer, and should not be particularly charged or chargeable, either before it be paid into the Exchequer, or after with any Gift or pension. And Our said Agents are by the said Act required and enjoined to return into the Court of Exchequer every Michaelmas and Easter Term, upon their Oathes (which Oathes the Barons of the Exchequer are by the said Act authorized to Administer) a Book fairly written, containing a true and full Accompt of what Licences have been granted the preceding half year, and what Rents and Sums of money are thereupon reserved, and have been paid, or are in arrear, together with the securities of the persons so in Arrear, to the end due and speedy Process might be made out according to the course of the Exchequer for recovery of the same, as in and by the said Act, amongst other things, it doth and may appear.

And whereas in pursuance of the said Act, We have by Our Letters Patents under Our Great Seal of England Commissioned and appointed certain persons of Trust therein named, to be Our Agents for the Licensing of such persons as they shall think fit to sell and utter Wines by Retail, as in and by the said Act is appointed.

Now to the intent that all Our loving Subjects within Our said Kingdom of England and Dominion of Wales, and Town and Port of Berwick aforesaid, who shall be therein concerned, may take notice of the said Act and duly observe the same: We have thought fit to declare and publish the said Act and the contents thereof by this Our Royal Proclamation: And to the further end and intent that all and every person and persons concerned therein, may accordingly address themselves to Our said Agents at their Office in the Castle-yard in Holborn, and there receive from them such Licences and Dispensations for selling and uttering Wines by Retail as shall be agreed on, and as by the said Act and Our Commission of Agency thereupon they are impowered to grant.

And because Licences cannot formally be granted and pass so soon as the five and twentieth day of March instant; It is hereby declared, That all such persons as now drab Wine by Retail, and shall make their application to Our Agents for granting Licences, and procure from them any Order for their Continuance before the end of Easter Term next, shall be hereby Indemnified against the Penalties of the said Act.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall*, the Nineteenth day of *March*, in the Thirteenth Year of Our Reign, One thousand six hundred and sixty.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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